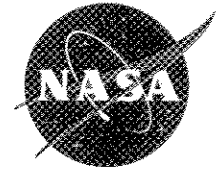


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the JHUAPL
New Horizons Reception, October 17, 2008

On October 17, 2008, the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHUAPL) will host a reception at the National Air & Space Museum's Steven Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, Virginia. The objective of reception is in honor and recognition of the New Horizon's Mission and to celebrate the first 1000 days since the launch of New Horizons and those who made it possible. A full scale model of the spacecraft will be officially presented to the museum.

The reception will be widely attended by Federal officials from other Government agencies, representatives of industry, NASA employees, and other New Horizons team members from around the country. Approximately 250 of such persons are expected to attend this reception. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$75 per person.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. The reception will allow NASA employees the opportunity to discuss NASA's activities and the results thereof, with other guests.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect JHUAPL, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone